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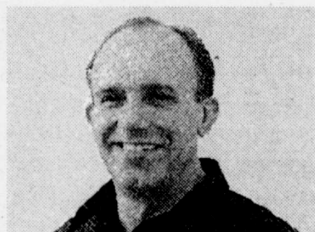
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Upcoming Events

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Dale Duesing events

Artist-in-Residence Dale Duesing, '67, internationally known baritone, will conduct an informal question and answer session tonight from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Harper Hall of the music-drama center. He will conduct a master class with Lawrence students on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Gravesite dedication

The late Reverend William Harkness Sampson, co-founder of Lawrence University, will be commemorated at his gravesite as part of the Sesquicentennial celebration this Saturday, October 12, at 10 a.m. in the Riverside Cemetery. President Richard Warch will unveil a plaque in his honor.

Main Hall forum

Lawrence Longley, professor of government, will give a lecture entitled, "Electing the People's President" on Oct. 22 in Main Hall 109.

Scholarship luncheon

Sponsors and recipients of named scholarships will be honored at a luncheon next Thursday in the Buchanan Kiewit Center. Recipients have been notified and should reply by Oct. 12.



Artist Series: Peter Serkin

Peter Serkin, pianist, will perform Oct. 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel. For tickets, contact the Lawrence box office at x6749.

Smoking back on LUCC Table

BY CHARLEY SHAW

The topic of future smoking in public spaces was raised at the Lawrence University Community Council (LUCC) General Council meeting on Oct. 8.

Discussion concerning the currently smoke-free Coffeehouse located in the basement of the Memorial Union was initiated by Chris Varas, representing the Coffeehouse, and was tabled until LUCC's next meeting.

Varas said that the non-smoking policy has adversely affected Coffeehouse business.

"There have been some concerns raised about the Coffeehouse losing business because it is non-smoking. About impressions students have of the Coffeehouse because it's non-smoking," said Varas.

The Coffeehouse's standing against local competition is mixed, according to Varas. Between the Pages, the coffeshop at Conkey's book store, is "having problems competing" with the Lawrence Coffeshop. On the other hand, the College Ave. smoking-permitted coffeshop, Peggy's, has recorded higher revenue in comparison to Lawrence, said Varas.

Varas suggested reinitiating an effort to conduct a campus wide survey concerning the Coffeehouse and issues related to smoking on campus.

His proposal comes after the Coffeehouse offered to develop a similar survey last year. The survey was not issued after the the General Council voted May 14 to eliminate smoking in most public areas.

During the Oct. 8 meeting, General Council Rep. Brian VenDenzen's motion to act on the survey was tabled until the next General Council meeting.

In other business, Sesquicentennial Committee representative Rebecca Olson reported to the council about future events related to the sesquicentennial. Olson mentioned this weekend's Homecoming events including an Alumni Hall of Fame dinner on Oct. 11 and a traditional heritage dinner that will exclude modern conveniences such as electricity.

Other events will include community service projects involving alumni in conjunction with the Homecoming events.

Lawrentians observe National Coming-Out Day

BY CHRIS WOGAMAN AND NATASHA BREEN

Friday October 11, students belonging to Lawrence's B-GLASS, (Bi-sexual, Gay, Lesbian students and their Straight Supporters) celebrate National Coming-Out Day.

The festivities will include a special meeting held in Coleman 107 at 9pm in conjunction with the local chapter of PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support group for homosexuals, their families and friends).

National Coming-Out Day was formed by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) in order to promote visibility in the gay community, especially towards political issues.

Events earlier this week included coming-out stories shared by students and staff members at Tuesday's B-GLASS meeting.

Coming out denotes the usually gradual process of publically disclosing one's homosexuality to friends, family, and eventually wider audiences.

Campus-wide confusion on the network

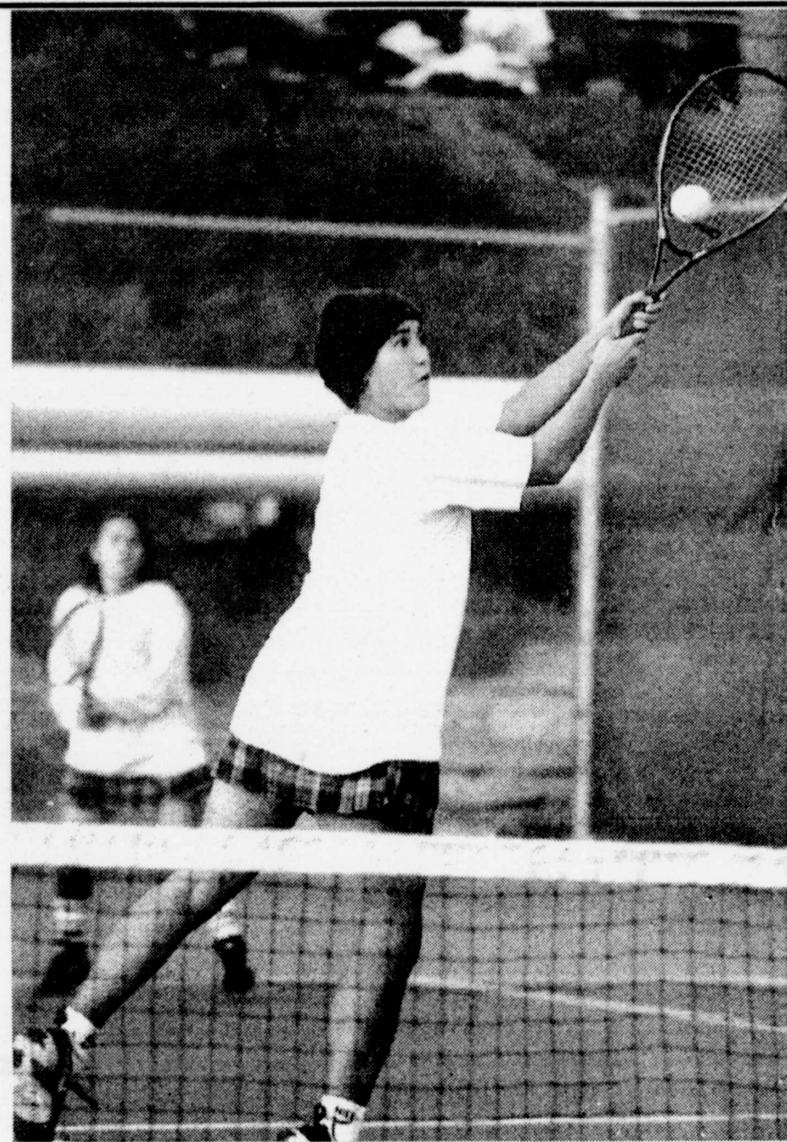
BY ZACHARIAH VICTOR

Aborted e-mail, lost documents, and the message "connection terminated" plagued Lawrentians from the evening of Oct. 7 until 7:40 p.m. on October 8. The student ethernet connections caused campus-wide confusion on the network.

This is the first year that students can connect to the network from their rooms via fast ethernet connections. To connect, one must have an ethernet card and an official

address from Computer Services. Computer Services has endorsed several brands of cards which students can purchase for their connections. The cards cost around one hundred dollars.

Many people have tried to save money by purchasing less expensive ethernet cards not endorsed by Computer Services. Some have also not registered their cards properly. Those students have congested parts of the network, causing some of the computers to mis-sort the mass of



Tammy Tester, '99, reaches to repel while Karen Privat, '97, waits in the back court. "All of our points (in this game) are much closer. They're much, much better in just two and a half weeks," said head coach Shelly Braatz. "Hopefully that will just continue right through to conference." photo by Natasha Breen.

Vote '96

BY NATASHA BREEN

Voter registration for election '96 will take place through Friday, October 11 in Downer Commons at lunch and dinner.

Deputized members of the Lilith House (gender - issues house) are registering and re-registering students in an effort to enable as many as possible the opportunity to participate in these elections.

Out-of-state registered voters who have not received absentee forms can temporarily re-register by filling out an index-sized card. No additional information or identification is needed.

Voters can also register on election day at polling booths, although official proof of address must be presented, and long waits may be expected.

Poling booth locations are available at the Downer voter registration tables.

Faculty advisor to B-GLASS, assistant professor of art history Tim Rodgers, says of National Coming Out Day: "It's an extremely important day. ... it is still an important...move to come out to your colleagues and friends."

B-GLASS student leader Joe Tennis is optimistic about campus reaction to the celebration. "Though it is always a topic of great debate I trust the Lawrence community will embrace this difference and learn to appreciate it."

information.

Computer Services emphasizes that students must consult them regarding ethernet room connections. Currently understaffed, Computer Services cannot resolve such large malfunctions quickly.

Many students blame Computer Services for not resolving network problems more efficiently. Such problems disappoint many returning students who remember the several network malfunctions last year.

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Theft closes Ormsby lab

BY ZACHARIAH VICTOR

A theft on Sept. 27 caused Computer Services to close the Ormsby computer lab indefinitely. Computer Services learned of the theft while investigating reported malfunctions in the equipment. They will not reopen the lab until the stolen parts have been replaced. To demonstrate further the effects of theft on the community, the Dean of Students office might keep the lab closed temporarily after the computers are fixed.

Lisa Stachowicz of Computer Services said that some students this year have tried to steal hardware for ethernet connections. She warned, "It doesn't work—we'll find you. Don't try it." Computer Services can press charges against those who steal hardware.

Many students object to the lab's closing, since most of the computers there are functioning normally. Some think that closing the lab does nothing to prevent theft, but instead inconveniences the majority of students, who would never steal.



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Conkey's: between the pages and the pocketbook

BY NATASHA BREEN

The first 50 dollar key deposit handed over to a front desk residence hall worker in the fall is generally more shocking than it is upsetting to returning and new students. As tuition, housing, and board costs soar, it often seems that miscellaneous charges for school necessities- those that come straight from the pocket: text books, school supplies, key deposits, etc.- are far more painful than the five-figure tuition bill that the majority of us never actually see until after graduation.

While most "fees" are handed over with only the faintest sigh of resentment and a longing glance at money slipping from fingers, visible signs of student disgruntlement and voices that at least threaten to "rage against the machine" are found at the beginning and end of each term as students wait in line to buy and then later sell back their text books to Conkey's Bookstore.

The reaction from students is neither unexpected nor undeserved since books in cost may range upwards of \$60 a piece and buy-back prices have been known to drop as low as 98 cents. An average term's cost for books appears to be

around \$150, with a high of about \$250 and a low of zero for students interviewed for this article. The average student buying books from Conkey's can end up paying about \$1800 dollars in texts alone over four years.

The relationship between Conkey's and Lawrence began in the early 50's. At the time, Lawrence was struggling to maintain its own campus bookstore. When Conkey's third owner, Howard Phelin, proposed the idea of taking over the campus bookstore, the university gladly accepted. In turn, Phelin offered the university a percentage of the profit. Current owner John Zimmerman maintains that tradition. According to Zimmerman, "Conkey's couldn't be Conkey's without Lawrence."

According to Zimmerman, the prices for textbooks are basically established by the publishers. Using net pricing as a general guideline for textbook sales, the books are sold to all bookstores for a flat rate. The booksellers then mark up as they wish, generally for a 20 to 25 percent increase. Conkey's uses a 25 percent increase.

Used books account for

approximately 20 percent of text book sales at Conkey's and are sold for 25 percent less than new books. "When I first started buying books here," Zimmerman accounts, "there were a lot of students that wouldn't buy used books, they had so much money that they didn't care. Now things have changed. (Lawrence) is no longer that type of school. There was a time when I would put used books out, and I had a hard time selling them... but now we never get enough."

Students selling used books to Conkey's receive 50 percent of the new book cost if the text is to be used again the following year. But as professors change course materials and publishers change editions, fewer books can be reused. As a result, students receive less returns for their texts. Books that will not be used are bought at the price wholesalers will pay for them, which often-times is very low.

In choosing texts for his courses, professor of geology Ted Ross explained, "my number one priority is content, the next is price." Professor Ross tries to carry books over from year to year and to use paper back texts in order to cut costs for his students. "I do see the

numbers as being dramatic, they really are. I have a tough time with text books too myself when I see them," he commented.

Lack of finances have brought out survival skills in many students, particularly upper classmen, to avoid the high cost price of texts that appears to be mandatory for most courses.

Senior Casie Ernst spent \$40 this term, and nothing last term on text books by putting out posters, calling friends, and using reserve texts from the library. "Anything to save me money, I do it," she said.

Senior Tara Rulo has similar methods, "I photo copy or I get them from the library, or I have them or borrow them."

Natalee Denton, '95 used a more precarious technique. She explained, "I went without books a couple of terms. I didn't buy the books I didn't care about getting... I didn't want to have to deal with the loss of money on a statistic book."

As to who is to blame for the high costs of texts, it appears there is no clear answer. Rulo is quick to put it on Conkey's: "they're overcharging us, they're just blatantly overcharging us. I think most people just plop down a credit card and you don't even look, because if you have to buy them, you buy them."

Professor Ross sees a problem instead with publishers "who know they have a specific area pretty well boxed in...they've got the best and the only one and the price is higher than I think it should be." On the other hand he defends Con-

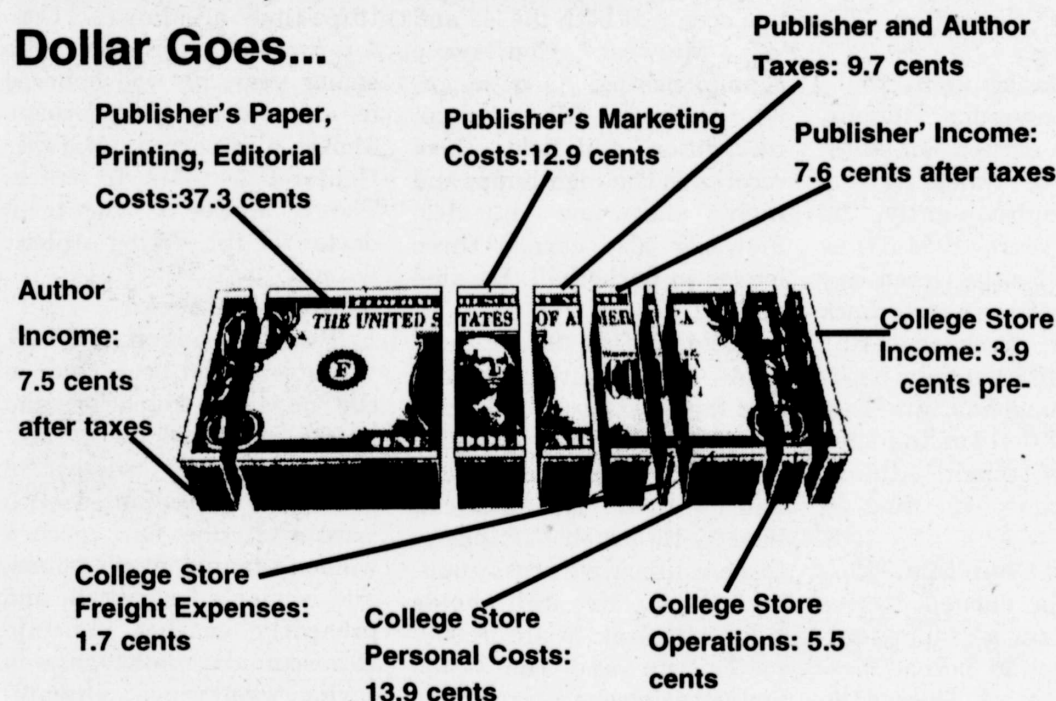
key's: "when you do the research, they're not out of line from other book stores on other campuses, they're a lot of money, text books are expensive."

Students interviewed for this article offered a number of suggestions for lowering the cost of books- from a campus run bookstore, to campus-wide book exchanges, to a book exchange. Senior Paul Guinea, who spent \$250 so far this term with two books left to buy, spent a year at UW LaCrosse where a campus book rental system allowed him to spend \$50 the entire year on texts. He admits, the rental "was far, far cheaper, but the quality of the books at this school are infinitely better."

Sophomore Phil McKenna attempted to start a more accessible student-to-student forum for selling used books this year by posting book exchange sheets in the library stairwell where students could write down titles of books they wanted to sell. "I think there might be a better way to resell books if we could get more people to resell them directly, rather than to Conkey's," explained McKenna. "People would buy them back at higher prices"

While it is evident that providing a more official, public forum to the student body-a bulletin board in the union or library, or a web site, the university could aid students in their quest for the cheapest deal-it is even more obvious that there are options available to students who actively search them out..

According to Text Book Publishers, the Text Book Dollar Goes...



Source: National Association of College Source and the Association of American Publishers, 1990 and 1991.

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tion with Habitat for Humanity.

In new business, the general council officially recognized both the LU Students of Objectivism and Model United Nations.

Both organizations

expressed a desire to be active in promoting activities relating to their group's specific interests. Freshman Lara Waters of Model United Nations said she is working with Associate Professor of Government Claudena Skran to organize a mock

United Nations trial at Bjorklunden in May.

In addition, the Council approved a name change for the volunteer organization formerly known as Lawrence At Risk Youth (LARY) to Lawrence Assistants Reaching Youths.

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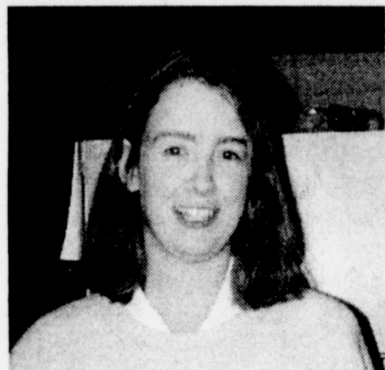
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Twelve random students were asked:

1. What comes to mind when you hear the words, *Fight! More Fight!*
2. What are your plans for this Homecoming?

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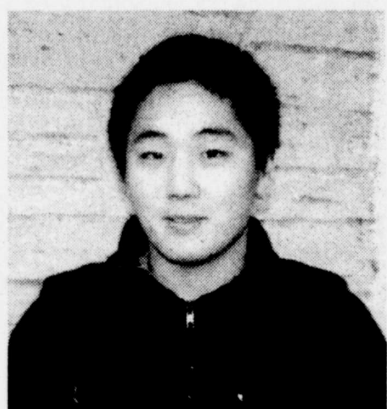
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"Nice play on *Light! More Light!*"

"Oh, I'll figure out some thing to do as I go along..."

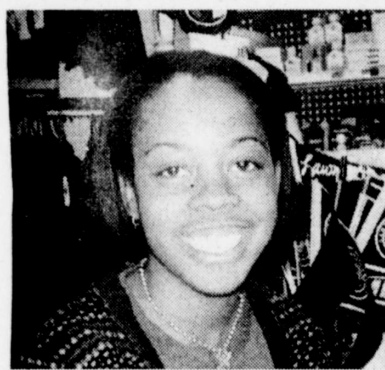
-Julie Schmitz, '97 art history major



"a hockey game"

"Seeing friends who are coming up for the week-end"

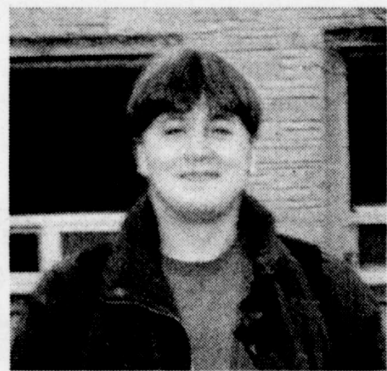
-John Yi, '97 government major



"Football games"

"I'll be going to the Sig Ep party, soccer game, and the formal."

-Leslie Askew, '00 anthropology major



"Teams fighting"

"I have to work all week-end as a security officer."

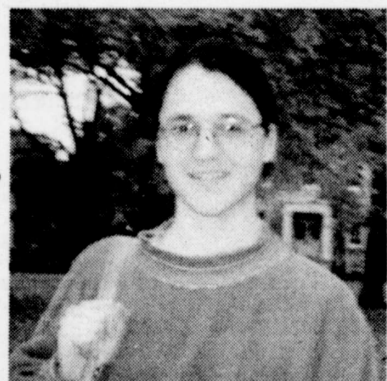
-Paul Kondratko, '00 physics and math major



"Wife beating"

"Going to make fun of people at Homecoming."

-Laura Andrews, '99 studio art major



"Makes me think of a high school cheer."

"I'm going to the formal."

-Brandon Lanson, '98 history and East Asian languages & cultures major

Fight! More Fight! spin-off of Light! More Light!

BY IONA YABUT

Bridget-Michaele Reischl, director of orchestral studies and conductor of the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra, has written a new "fight song" for Lawrence. The title, *Fight! More Fight!*, is a spin-off of Lawrence's official motto, *Light! More Light!*.

During a lunch with members of the athletic department, "somebody suggested that we should play a fight song" to bring the two departments together, Reischl said.

Reischl admitted, "I have never composed a thing in my life other than this fight song." She wrote most of the words on a four hour plane flight from San Diego to Appleton and consulted with Nick Keelan and Kathy Murray, both associate professors of music, for additional help.

Reischl hopes the new song is embraced by the school and sung for a long time. The song will be performed for the first time at the homecoming football game Saturday. It will be performed by musicians from the College and Conservatory.

Ryan Peterson, senior anthropology and music education major, commented, "The pep band is ready and excited to perform the new fight song for homecoming."

Fight! More Fight!

Come on Lawrence, Fight More Fight

Fight for her fame

Go Get 'em Vikings - Might More Might

We can win this game

We want a victory - crush our foe

Lead us to glory - go, go, go

Spirit of the Blue and White, powerful and strong

All teams should fear it, come on let's hear it

Fight! More Fight!

Alums inducted into first hall of fame

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The Charter Class will be honored tomorrow night as the first inductees into Lawrence's Intercollegiate Athletic Hall of Fame. They will also be presented at half-time of the Homecoming football game Saturday. The inductees are:

Lisle Blackburn, '25

As a Lawrence student, Blackburn earned "all-state" honors three times for the Vikings. Subsequently, he spent four years (1954-57) as head coach for the Green Bay Packers, drafting quarterback Bart Starr, linebacker Ray Nitschke, and running backs Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor. In 1978 he was inducted into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame. He died in 1983.

Charles Cianciola, '55

Cianciola earned twelve varsity letters as a Lawrentian, four each in football, basketball, and track. He was the first Viking to earn all Midwest Conference honors in football four consecutive years. His fourteen receptions against Ripon in 1953 stand as the Vikings' single-game record. Cianciola was also a member of the Midwest Conference champion mile relay team. He earned all-Midwest Conference recognition in basketball.

Gene Davis, coach, 1956-91

Davis was head coach of the swimming, track, and cross country teams, and assistant coached football as well. He earned seven Mid-

west Conference championships in three sports, including three consecutive cross-country titles from 1983-85. Six of the athletes he coached went on to earn All-American honors.

James Fieweger, '43

Fieweger took first place in five events at both the '42 and '43 Midwest Conference championships. As a senior, he earned All-American recognition, and held school records in the high jump, and high and low hurdles. Fieweger also earned three letters in basketball. He died in 1992.

Eric Griffin, '86

As a Lawrentian, Griffin won four Midwest Conference steeplechase titles, qualified twice for NCAA nationals, and earned All-American honors. He led the Vikings to three consecutive cross country titles. He still holds Viking records in the 5,000-meter run and the 3,000 meter steeplechase as well as the conference steeplechase record.

Bernard Heselton, coach, 1938-64

Heselton won six Midwest Conference championships, with an overall record of 111-79-5, the second-most wins in Lawrence history. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Hall of Fame posthumously in 1982. He died in 1981.

Peter House, '68

House led the Vikings to the conference championship in 1968 and took fourth-place finishes in the 50- and 100-

yard freestyle events at the NCAA nationals. He won ten Midwest Conference titles. House also earned three letters in track, throwing, and javelin.

Charles McKee, '68

McKee earned six varsity letters in football and was a three-time all-Midwest Conference quarterback. His senior year, he was honored as a first-team All-American. McKee also won six Midwest Conference titles in track. Today, McKee is the team doctor for the Viking athletic teams.

Mary Heinecke

Poulson, coach, 1964-93

Poulson had been chair of the physical education and health departments of Milwaukee-Downer when, in 1964, MD consolidated with Lawrence. She has coached women's tennis, men's tennis, and women's basketball, and presently coaches fencing. Her women's tennis team won seven conference championships.

Claude Radtke, '50

Radtke earned four varsity letters as an offensive and defensive end and led the Vikings to three conference championships. Radtke was the first Lawrentian to earn All-American honors with first-team recognition as an offensive end in 1949. He also earned three letters each in basketball and track and earned all-conference recognition in basketball.

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Residence halls to design banners

BY LIZ WASHER

In the past few years, homecoming week at Lawrence has passed with minimal fanfare and celebration. Colorful floats do not parade up and down College Avenue as they did a decade ago. Campus Activities Coordinator Paul Shrode said that, with busy schedules packed into relatively short terms, "Students don't have a lot of leisure time to sit down and create floats."

This year, however, the Dean's Office and the Alumni Office got together to plan what Kris Wensing of Alumni Relations refers to as "...The on-campus kick-off to the Sesquicentennial Celebration."

Each residence hall, as well as any interested student organization, has the opportunity to create a decorative banner fitting the Homecoming '96 theme, "Everything Old is New Again." These banners will be judged on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 12,

and displayed first at the Banta Bowl that afternoon and then permanently in the Recreation Center.

Residence hall banners will reflect certain specific time periods in Lawrence history and whatever off-campus events best represent the era.

Ormsby Hall was assigned the earliest Lawrence time period, covering the presidencies of Reverend Sampson through Samuel Plantz (1849-1924), while Plantz Hall residents were instructed to create a banner reflecting the Richard Warch era (1979-present) and whatever off-campus events can be associated with the 1980's.

Other student groups could choose any era to use as basis for their decorating plans as long as it fit the theme.

"The [judging] criteria are very loosely defined," noted Paul Shrode. Creativity and innovation were strongly encouraged. Additionally, financial support was provided by the Alumni Affairs

office for any students wishing to thoroughly decorate their residence hall or organization's home base.

Necessary materials were provided by the Campus Activities office, including the four by eight foot banners made of a durable material called Tyvek. An engraved trophy and a \$250 cash prize will be awarded to the student group with the winning banner.

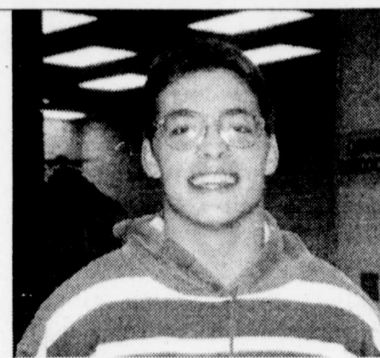
Paul Shrode credits the Lawrence cheerleaders as the most persistent supporters of a renewed homecoming spirit. "This year, we've tried to work with [the cheerleaders] and support them and hopefully get a new tradition ... and structure established to allow Homecoming to continue into the future as a week-end of activity that students look forward to," said Shrode.

Kris Wensing adds, "We're hopeful that this will establish a new tradition on campus."

"Ummm...
Light! More Light!?"

"Gonna party with Ben at the Sig Ep Dr. Suess party."

-Kevin Dutton, '98
biology major



"Makes me think of something violent."

"I will be going to the Sig Ep party, the soccer games, and the formal."

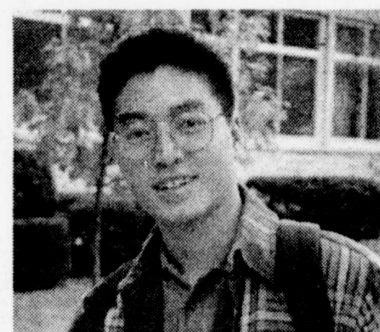
-Abby Wilson, '99 history major



"Mike Tyson"

"Going to see a movie and then go to the formal with A.S.I.A.-A."

-Phia Vue, '98 government major



"Sounds like something to make Lawrence more exciting."

"See the soccer game, go to the formal, and then spend all night in the Viking Room."

-Louisa Assibi, '98
government and international relations major



"What happens after a Sig Ep party."

"Going to the football game and partying."

-Amie Lewandowski, '98
physics major



Homecoming Schedule

Friday, October 11

4:00-6:30 p.m.	Alumni gathering/Happy hour	Viking Room
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Heritage dinner: <i>a return to the late 1800s</i>	Downer Commons
5:30 p.m.	Lawrence Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards	Alexander Gymnasium
7:30 p.m.	Char Fenlon Annual Memorial Lecture	Stansbury Theatre
8:30 p.m.	Pep rally and bonfire	Union Hill
9:00 p.m.	Dance: <i>Under the Stars</i>	Union Hill

Saturday, October 12

11:00 a.m.	Homecoming banner/decoration judging	Campuswide
11:00 a.m.	Tailgate luncheon	Alexander Gym
1:00 p.m.	Women's volleyball vs. Beloit	Alexander Gymnasium
1:00 p.m.	Men's soccer vs. Carroll	Whiting Field
1:30 p.m.	Football vs. St. Norbert	Banta Bowl
4:00 p.m.	Women's soccer vs. Carroll	Whiting Field
4:00-6:30 p.m.	Fifth quarter gathering	Viking room
		Coffeehouse
		Buchanan
7:00 p.m.	Homecoming formal	Kiewit Center

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Taylor speaks out to critics

BY TAYLOR HOFFMAN

My previous column caused some controversy. Some people told me that that was the power of journalism and I should embrace it, revel in it, feel proud to have caused a debate, and feel proud to be an American. That's the beauty of free speech, after all. But, instead of all of these warm and fuzzy patriotic feelings, it just made me think that some people are really anal and have too much time on their hands. It was only a satire column, after all. No one died. But, some people were upset. Their argument is the following: In my previous column, I glorified Guinness (an adult beverage), and thus, beer drinking in general. Now, personally, I'm not of legal drinking age, so I don't even know what alcohol tastes like. But these people (the ones who think that I'm a part of a larger conspiracy to promote alcohol consumption worldwide) believe that in a vain attempt to be just like me, all my readers will rush out to grab each issue of The Lawrentian hot off the presses. I guess that makes me something of a role model, almost like Dennis Rodman (hopefully the first and last time that comparison will be made). Thus, because I "glorified Guinness," the masses of America will turn into Guinness worshipping drunks and help to promote the decay of society in general.

Putting on my thinking cap, I realized a major gap in the conspiracy theory. If I am in cahoots with all of the major adult beverage producers, why do I still have student loans up the wazoo?

We'll let Oliver Stone work on that question. But I must admit, the conspiracy theory is very attractive to me. The implications of it have really done wonders for my ego. Apparently, I have

Hot Rod Rik

the power to turn some second-rate loser with nothing better to do than sit around and read third-rate satire columns into a first-rate wino. The possibilities are endless; I have the power to change people's lives! I could turn heroin users into glue-sniffers, prostitutes into flirts, professors into... well you get the idea.

To find out just how far this phenomenon has gone, I decided to put on my scoop cap and interview the editor of The Lawrentian, Charley Shaw, on the Tayloroids (that's what my followers have decided to call themselves). The following is an excerpt of the interview:

TMH - Are there really a significant number of Tayloroids?

CS - Indeed there are, in fact LUCC just recognized a student organization devoted exclusively to Taylorism.

TMH - Is this limited to Lawrence students?

CS - Hardly. Other campuses around the midwest have started clubs, as have townies right here in Appleton. There is even a homepage devoted to you.

TMH - Charley, tell me, to a certain extent can you blame them?

CS - Not at all, in fact, I've just been elected Treasurer of the Lawrence chapter of the Tayloroids.

TMH - Congratulations, Charley. You're a good man.

Well, since God has apparently bestowed this power upon me, I might as well take this baby out for a test drive. This is a message to the people who started the conspiracy theory: Find employment, find a hobby—something to occupy yourself, and check your blood-pressure. Society will decay with or without me. It's not as if I used a _____ing expletive in my column.

by Malachy Boyle



LUCC's presence is a hollow facade

BY HRUSHIT BHATT

Recently I had the pleasure of attending the first meeting of the year of the Lawrence University Community Council, our "responsible and efficient" student government. The LU course catalogue states proudly that "LUCC governs most non-academic matters." LUCC, therefore, holds biweekly meetings to discuss issues that are of grave concern to the Lawrence Community. However, LUCC does not seem to be much more than a hollow facade of a student government. An embellished adornment that the university administration has carefully constructed to appease student concerns. The council is supposed to be a governing body of the community, for the community and by the community. Instead it is a paltry aesthetic ornament that has been put in place by the LU administration to deal with those affairs that it does not deem worthy of its own time. The administration does not really want to sift through the approximately 120 budget proposals turned in by the various student groups on campus at the end of each year. Nor does the administration want the trouble of portioning out the student activities budget to these myriad groups in accordance with their demands. And last, but not least, the administration couldn't really care less about dealing with new groups on campus that wish to be recognised? by LUCC in order to take advantage of the benefits that accompany such recognition. Why not let some dumb starry-eyed student do all that pesky pencil-pushing?

It is no wonder, then, that an eminent member of the council, who chooses to remain anonymous, recently remarked as to how little her/his role on the council meant to her/him and what a pointless drudgery it was on the part of all. The individual also remarked about what she/he thought LUCC actually had the power to do—"make life difficult for the students." This is the same individual who, when initially assuming her/his place on the council about a year ago, was talking about ushering in great change, change that would make LUCC more efficient and more meaningful to the student body. The reality of the situation and the manner in which the veritably defunct council is treated by the administration, however, soon changed her/his mind and attitude. It is indeed sad that the reality of the council breaks the spirits of enthusiastic students that volunteer their time and effort only to find the pathetic reality that lies behind the ornate frontage—LUCC really does not matter, and what is more, it serves only to irritate the student body with its annoying by-laws and its self-important posturing.

An objective look at several policies, some recently passed and some still to be proposed,

that have impact on the lives and welfare of the students on this campus will show that the council has very little authority vested in it and, therefore, a negligible amount of real impact on the "welfare of the community" that it so loudly and boisterously proposes to be its aim. The grill no longer sells cigarettes as of this year. Does this policy affect the community? I think so. Smokers are inconvenienced now even more than they were before, as they have to walk all the way to Jerry's in order to purchase cigarettes. The grill stands to lose the approximately \$10,000 in revenue that it made from the sale of cigarettes. How much did LUCC have to do with this policy? Nothing. It is what is termed a "University Policy." The council was not even consulted on the matter. Two years ago there were smoking lounges on three of the four floors in the library. Suddenly they were gone. Did that policy affect the community? Yes, I have to think that it did. What did LUCC have to do with it? Not a thing. Kegs used to be permitted in residence halls and small houses until a year or so ago. In one fell stroke of some faceless bureaucrat's pen the kegs were gone—abolished campus-wide. Did that policy affect the community? Again, I think so. What did LUCC have to do with it? Again, nothing. You guessed it—"University Policy." The administration is now toying with yet another method of inconveniencing students and doing its bit to make them miserable—a \$5 charge will be assessed to those students that require assistance from Campus Security when they are locked out of their rooms or their residence halls (I suppose the \$23,000 shelled out annually by every student is not enough.) Although this "University Policy" has not yet been written in stone by our administration, LUCC will not be consulted regarding the matter.

To be absolutely fair to LUCC, one cannot allege that they do nothing. After all, the council is responsible for LU's quaint non-smoking coffeehouse. It is also responsible for the fact that there is no more smoking in the upstairs hallway of the Union as the smoke assaults members of the community while they walk toward the eating area. It is also responsible for the smoking ban in Downer B which used to be a smoking area. One of the reasons cited for ratifying LUCC's new smoking policy was that LU is far behind on such legislation and several campuses nationwide have implemented similar policies if not outright banned smoking. I keep forgetting that we do not go to this great liberal arts institute in order to think and legislate for ourselves, but to follow demurely in the footsteps of others. They also hold the great responsibility of assigning students to those two other indescribably important and respectable organisations—Hon-

or Council and the Judicial Board. And, of course, they are charged with granting recognition to campus groups, several of which are distinctly more useless than the council itself.

Some of us may be quite puzzled as to why an organisation with such severely handicapped authority and such limited responsibility needs to meet every other week. What does this utterly useless and absurd excuse for a student government do at these things? They steep themselves in bureaucratic babble and conduct themselves according to parliamentary procedure while they attend to trifling details and those issues that are unimportant enough to be entrusted to them. At the Oct. 8 meeting the council members behaved in exactly such a fashion as the president guided them gracefully from one issue of grave importance to the next. They heard a report from the Sesquicentennial Committee on the events planned for the upcoming Sesquicentennial Homecoming Weekend. Why does something that can be gleaned without effort by any student from the thousands of copies of "Lawrence This Week" printed by the university every week need to take up the precious time of our student government? The seasoned veterans of the council sat primly on their rears while twiddling their thumbs, tapping their toes and trying their utmost to seem interested. The newcomers to the council scribbled furiously. Then the worthless organisation turned its attention to new campus groups desiring recognition—on today's agenda was what seemed like an Ayn Rand fan-club passing under the somewhat fanciful name of "Lawrence University Students of Objectivism," and "Model UN," a group that desires to educate fellow students about global affairs, politics and such. The council, after asking the speakers from these groups some nonsensical questions, recognised them. Then came a petition from LARY proposing that LARY be allowed to change the wording that makes up its acronym. This also was approved. A representative from the Coffeehouse was present to propose that a poll be taken of students to see if smoking should be allowed in the Coffeehouse. At this juncture I left.

I propose that while LUCC is involved with modifying acronyms, it take some time to consider changing its own in order to more accurately reflect its campus role. Something like Lawrence's Useless & Carefree Cabal would be far more appropriate. I suppose the council isn't absolutely useless, however. It makes for a great popularity contest annually. It also serves as excellent padding for the resumés of all those that serve on it. I dare say that many a resumé would be forlorn without the aid of Lawrence's Useless & Carefree Cabal.

With my nose in the corner...

BY BRIAN B. BARTEL,
MANAGING EDITOR

Webster's defines cynical as "contemptuously distrustful of human nature and motives". Heh, heh.

Recently, many people (including a couple of Deans) have labeled me as cynical. When I heard this, I had a good, hearty, laugh. I must explain that I am just having fun in this column. And, to show that I have a good sense of humor, I must apologize to President Warch for misrepresenting him in my last column. His golf cart does NOT have a fringe on top.

Many of you have heard of the "Lawrence Difference". To me, this statement is best summed up in the results that The University of Connecticut's Roper Center for Public Opinion Research discovered: 79% of graduating seniors could not identify Plato as the author of *The Republic*. I think it's obvious that they failed to survey a Lawrentian.

One of the most surprising speeches given at any 1996 Commencement Ceremony must have been at Southampton College, where Kermit the Frog was the keynote speaker. This muppet even received an honorary degree in "amphibious letters." Sheesh. I know that Lawrentians can do much better than that, so I propose that the class of 1997 dedicate an oak tree to this little, lovable, green ball of fuzz. Besides, Kermit is much more worthy of it than Captain Kangaroo,



who reportedly has some 18 honorary degrees.



Professor Kermit

Don't forget Homecoming this weekend either. There will be banners, a dance, a lecture, a gravesite restoration party, a tailgating picnic, and of course the football game. I suggest that the University bring back some of the older, more interesting activities, like lighting a raft ablaze down the Fox River and toilet papering the campus. That's right, nothing brings people together like toilet paper and fire.

That's all for now kiddies; it's been a slow month. The only thing really wrong was Octoberfest, which was actually in September. Do you think it is possible for someone to sue the City of Appleton for false advertising? Make sure to have fun regulating the temperatures of your rooms now that the heat has been turned on. And remember, it is a prosecutable offense to set fire to any floor of a residence hall at UW-Oshkosh.

Image International offers free films

BY ZACHARIAH VICTOR

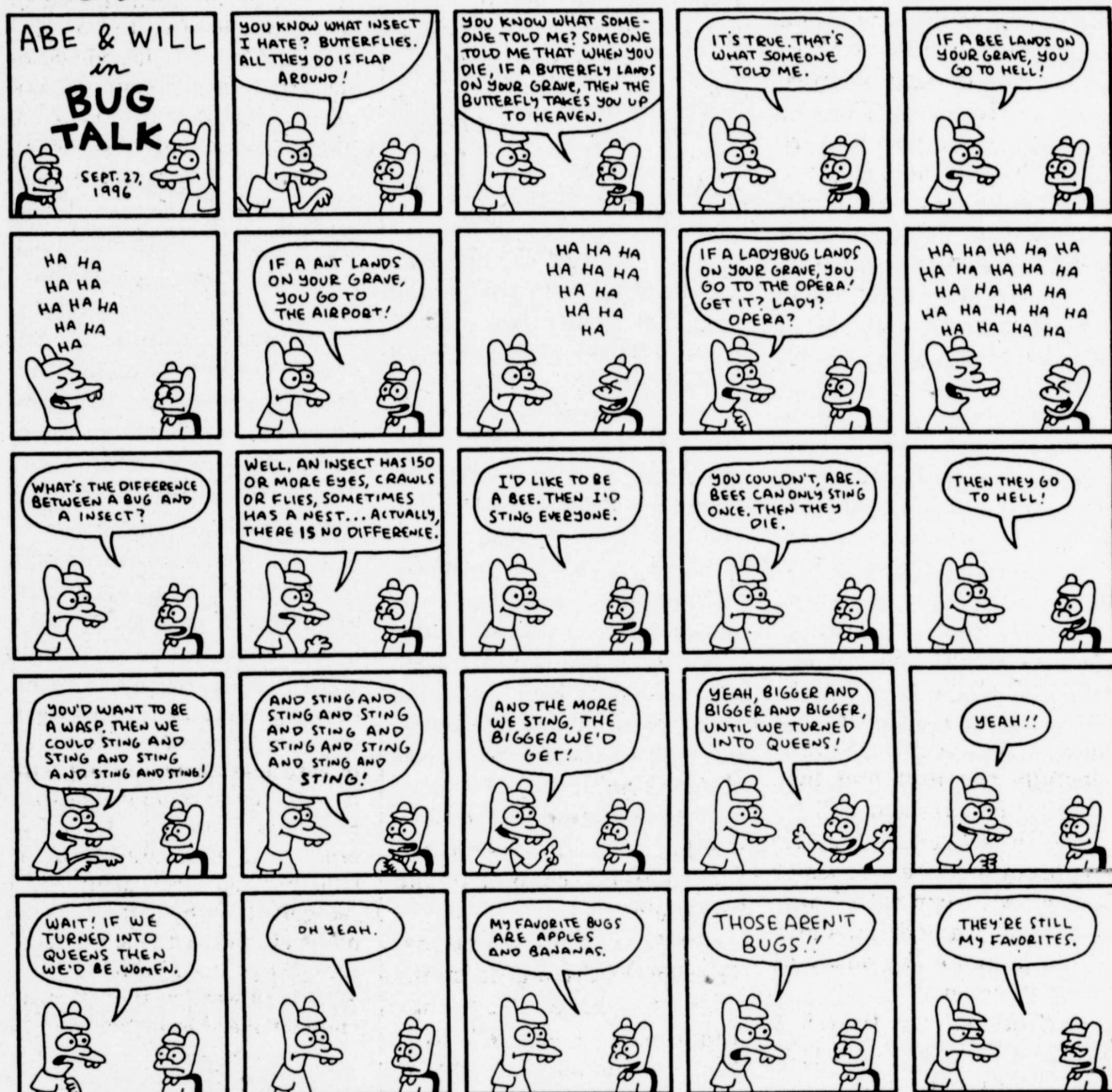
Image International Film Series offers "good foreign films that people don't usually see," says Paul Lamb, who manages the series this year. The series will offer several Western European films, a Chinese film, and, for the first time, Russian and

Indian films.

Lamb says that being involved with Image International is "a pretty easy thing to do." Besides watching the films, he and the other volunteers splice the films and handle publicity. They determine the films and the schedule for the next year during third term.

Films are on Fridays, at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Wriston Auditorium. Students get in free with Lawrence ID, admission for faculty and staff is \$1.00, and general admission is \$2.00. Friday, October 11, Image International will show "Wings Of Desire", a film from Germany.

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Cross-Country competitive against St. Norbert; conference contender

BY ZETA STRICKLAND AND
DAVID HARRINGTON

The Lawrence University men's cross-country team is led by the strong senior leadership of Captain Scott Sprtel, David Harrington and Drew Zlotoff. Coupled with a core of freshman talent, this year's men's team is rapidly becoming a contender in the conference. The first meet of the year took place at St. Norbert's, where the Vikings faced conference rivals St. Norbert's, Carthage, and Ripon. The men's team ran well, placing second to St. Norbert's by only one point. Sprtel led the team, winning the meet for the fourth straight year. Zlotoff closely followed with an impressive ninth place finish. Freshmen Dan Bahan and Bill Templeton, and senior Harrington rounded out the top five positions for the team, respectively.

Similarly, the women's team relied upon youth for its impressive fourth place finish. The team is truly young, comprised entirely of sophomores and freshmen. Sophomores Captain Chris Jones, Rebecca Hoelter, Jenny Kornowski, and Annie Dude are complemented by the strong freshman talent of Nicole Cook, Vanessa Curtis, Stephanie Webster, and Christina Baird. Cook started

off her college career with a commanding fifth place finish overall at St. Norbert. Baird claimed the second place spot for Lawrence, securing 18th overall. Hoelter, a sophomore newcomer to college cross country, and freshmen Curtis and Webster completed the top five positions for Lawrence.

Battling against national competitors such as Indiana State, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Parkside, both Lawrence's men and women placed 18th of 25 teams. All of the Lawrence runners recorded personal records for the year, and all fared better than at last year's meet. Top finishers for the Vikings in the field of over 300 runners were Hoelter and Sprtel, placing 95 and 48 respectively.

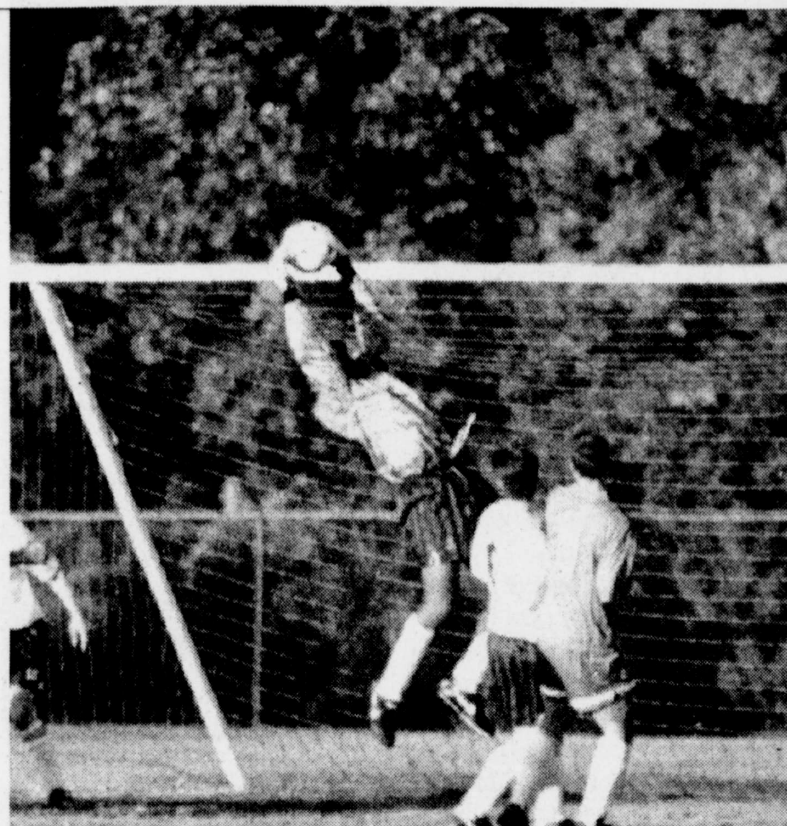
On September 28, the Vikings demonstrated their strength and potential at Carthage College where all of the runners achieved record performances. The men's team claimed first place, the highest team finish since 1990, while the women's team also placed well, earning third place ahead of conference rivals St. Norbert and Ripon. Sprtel set a personal record, securing first place. Zlotoff and Bahan earned sixth and tenth place respectively, while Harrington and Templeton both finished in the top 20. Hoelter and Cook

led the women to their impressive finish, earning 11th and 12th respectively. Captain Jones, Webster, Curtis and Kornowski all ran fantastic races, proving the talent of this team. With nearly 100 runners in the field, all were proud of this finish.

Sophomore Rebecca Hoelter commented afterwards that, "the potential that our team has was really indicated in this race. To place third of 15 schools when our experienced runners are only sophomores is really exciting."

This year's head coach, Mike Fox, is responsible for the teams' improvement. Although new to Lawrence cross country, he is an experienced coach, leading the distance runners during last year's track season, and Kimberly High School for many years. Assistant Coach Heidi Zeisset is no stranger to running herself, having competed four years as a Lawrence athlete. Both are optimistic about the rest of season; the conference meet is only three weeks away, and the team continues to improve each meet.

On Oct. 19, the Lawrence Vikings will compete at their home meet at Plamann Park; the women's race is at 11 a.m., and the men will follow at 11:45 a.m.



Goalie Marty Griffin, '97, grips a shot on goal during a recent game. photo by Aaron Wilcox.

Swinging back: Fall Golf

The men's golf team participates in only one fall tournament each year, along with numerous spring competitions. This fall season several positive performances highlight the team's youth and opportunities for improvement in the spring season. The team has some promising young talent in the freshmen duo of Steve Amelotte and Tony Kirkpatrick. Mike Tryggstad, Chad Berken and Chris Henderson are the team's veteran players.

The team's only fall tournament was on October 1st at Madison Cherokee Country Club. The Vikings finished ninth out of fifteen teams. Competitor Dupage won the tourney with an average

score of 72, while Marian finished second, averaging a 75. Amelotte and Tryggstad led the Vikings with solid scores of 85. Tryggstad shot a 36 in the first nine holes. "Mike Tryggstad had a terrific front nine," commented an enthusiastic Coach Tharp. Kirkpatrick performed impressively in his first time out for the Vikings, shooting a 39 on the back nine. Berken and Rahul Kalsi also turned in fine performances for the Vikings. "Most of the guys put together a terrific nine holes, but because of lack of playing we were inconsistent," explained Coach Tharp, citing the lack of pre-season preparation for the Vikings.

Lawrence was on top, 7-6.

The Pioneers culminated a long drive with a short touchdown run to take a 12-7 lead. Late in the first half, Carroll once again had the Vikings on the ropes and were looking for a knockout punch when senior defensive back Alex Dubberke intercepted a pass from Eric Block and returned it 100 yards to give Lawrence a 14-12 lead. For his efforts, Dubberke was awarded the conference's Defensive Player of the Week award. Carroll quickly responded, however, scoring a field goal in the last seconds of the half to take a 15-14 lead into the locker room.

Football loses to Carroll

BY ETHAN WAUGH AND
MATT KEHREIN

The Lawrence University football squad is still attempting to gel as a team. Offensively, the Vikings have the unenviable task of matching the 1995 season numbers, when Lawrence led the nation in rushing and finished fourth nationally in total offense. The Vikings faced stiff competition in their October 5th game against Carroll College, which boasts one of the nation's finest players in wide receiver R.J. Hoppe and perhaps the best defense in the Midwest Conference.

Lawrence began inauspiciously against Carroll, fumbling on the first play from scrimmage. The turnover led to a quick Pioneer touchdown, and just a few seconds into the game the Vikings were behind, 6-0. After receiving the kickoff, Lawrence needed a quick score to keep the game from falling out of reach. All-American fullback Brad Olson proved to be just what the Vikings needed by bursting up the middle for a 63 yard touchdown run on the very next play. Freshman kicker Luke Chozay added the extra point, and

and shut Carroll out the rest of the game.

The Viking offense struggled against the stiff Pioneer defense, and did not threaten to score until late in the fourth quarter. Olson and quarterback Chad Waller put together a string of fine runs, and Lawrence was poised to score on the Carroll one yard line. The Pioneers thwarted the Viking's first three attempts at the end zone, but Waller rushed over the line on the fourth down to cut the deficit to 22-20. Lawrence head coach Rick Coles signaled for a time-out to devise a two-point conversion play that could send the game into overtime. Coles decided on a passing play, and Waller sprinted to his right to search for a receiver. Senior slotback Luke Findlay was positioned just inside the goalline when he caught what appeared to be the tying pass, when the officials ruled that, although Findlay's body was in the end zone, the ball never crossed the plane of the goalline, and the conversion did not count. The Vikings were unable to recover from this devastating blow, and Carroll was able to run out the clock and secure the victory.

Hall of Fame

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Scott Reppert, '83

Reppert holds twenty-two standing school records from the time he graduated. He was named to eight All-American teams and is still the only player in NCAA Division III history to win three consecutive rushing titles. He also earned four letters in track and one in wrestling.

Dick Rine, '57

Rine won more Midwest Conference tennis championships than anyone in Lawrence history. He is still the only Lawrentian to ever win the conference's number-one singles crown twice. He also earned all-conference recognition as a running back/defensive back in football.

Ron Roberts, coach, 1963-92

Roberts captured six Midwest Conference titles. From 1974-83, the Vikings never lost more than two games a season. Roberts led the Vikings to three consecutive

league titles and to the national semifinals of the NCAA playoffs. In March, Roberts was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

William Simon, '80

Simon is the only Lawrentian to earn All-American honors in two sports: baseball and football. He still holds the Vikings record for career batting average. He was a four-time all-conference selection in baseball, and led the Vikings to two NCAA regional playoffs. In football, Simon led the Vikings to win the conference championships in 1979.

Ron Wopat, '78

Wopat earned All-American honors six times, three times in shot-put and three times in discus events. He still holds the Lawrence record in shot put and discus and the Midwest Conference record in the discus. Wopat also earned four letters in football as an offensive end.